

Compare your spending with that of those earning the average income, \$4,000-\$5,000 (after taxes). They're overspending 2%.

Where, Oh Where Does the \$ Go?

The American family is central figure in the mystery of our age—the case of the disappearing dollar. Where it goes, few seem to know.

Consequently, about half of us are spending more than we earn. Of those with an income, after taxes, of between \$2,000 and \$6,000, more are in debt than are saving. The average deficit ranges from 12 per cent in the \$2,000-\$3,000 group to 4 per cent in the \$3,000-\$4,000 range, and 2 per cent in the \$4,000-\$6,000 bracket.

These figures, tabulated in the February Ladies' Home Journal, are based on an article from W. M. Kipfinger's magazine, *Changing Times*, and from surveys by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census Bureau, Department of Agriculture, and private researchers.

In the \$2,000-\$3,000 group, 27 per cent can save an average of \$260. Fifty-six per cent are in debt an average of \$666; but a large number, 17 per cent, break even. At the other end of the scale, where income is over \$10,000, none break even. But

74 per cent save, 26 per cent owe. In the "average" income group, \$4,000-\$5,000, 52 per cent save, 45 per cent are in debt, 3 per cent break even.

However, the article warns, savings and deficit figures can be misleading. For instance, a planned withdrawal of savings will show up as overspending. Or any big buying on installments in a year will show up in red ink, but the next year, as it is paid off, you'll be in the black.

But where does the money go? In every income group, the largest percentage of income goes for food and housing. But as the income increases, the percentage decreases. The percentage of income used for such items as recreation and personal care stays fairly constant as income increases. The share for items such as medical care falls as income goes up. Other items decrease; for instance, the more you make, the more you give away.

One conclusion: "Every income group has its savers; good income helps, but so does good management."

Rural Traffic Up In Many Places

Oregon highway traffic recorded by the state highway department at 44 rural automatic traffic counter locations shows a statewide increase of 3.7 per cent for December 1957 over December 1956.

The December increase overcame decreases recorded in several previous months to give the state a 0.2 per cent rural traffic increase for 1957 when compared to 1956.

The largest December traffic gains were registered on highway US 30. General increases were noted on sections of US 97, US 99 and US 101.

A counter location on US 30 near Troutdale showed a December increase of 14.1 per cent. Rainier on US 30 was up 13.6 per cent. The greatest increases on US 99 were shown at Oakland which was up 9.3 per cent and at the Chemawa overcrossing on the freeway which increased 12.2 per cent. At Otter Rock on US 101 a gain of 11.9 per cent was recorded.

KNET 4-H NEWS
By Erin Wilson

The Kent Home Economics club held its first meeting Monday, January 13. The following officers were elected: Shirley Sather, president; Bonnie Tatum, vice-president; Teresa Bardenhagen, yell leader; and Erin Wilson, reporter. Nancy Wilson will be junior leader. Mrs. Hod McKay is the leader of the club.

The club is a combined cooking and sewing club. Two members are taking first year cooking, one second year cooking, two third year cooking and four members are taking fourth year cooking.

Two members are taking sewing. All members received their new books. Next meeting has not been announced.

NOTH SHERMAN LIVESTOCK CLUB NEWS
By John Thomas

The meeting of January 12 was called to order by President Gene Fridley. The roll was called with 19 in attendance. Alice Kaseberg acted as secretary. The members present all registered and cards were sent to the ones that were absent. Tommy Thompson commented on the importance of starting the record books early and keeping them up-to-date. He also explained the advantages of using stilbesterol in the feeding of beef animals. There was a discussion on the subject of junior leaders to help the younger members of the club. Tommy Thompson showed two movies on soil conservation.

The next meeting will be held February 16, 1958 at the Wasco Methodist church. John Fields and Loren Byrd will give reports on protein.



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Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Baizer

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge No. 118 met at the IOOF hall Wednesday evening with Mrs. Claud Bayer, noble grand conducting her first meeting with 30 members present. Members present from Kent were Mrs. Harry Howell and Mrs. Harry Justesen. Supporters to the past noble grand seated were Mrs. A. S. Alberty and Mrs. Frank Ketter, supporters to the chaplain seated were Mrs. Joe Hammond and Mrs. Rudy Koecke.

All members who haven't contributed to the hope chest are asked to have their contributions there for the next meeting.

After the regular session a party was held for members with birthdays and wedding anniversaries in January. Those honored with birthdays were Mrs. Donald von Borstel, Mrs. H. N. Binges, and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap. Mrs. Herman Ziegler was honored on her anniversary. The mystery sisters were revealed at this time. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Orville Ruggles and Mrs. Alford Payne.

The Cooking Camaros met at the home of Mrs. Joe Hammond, their leader, January 14 for their regular meeting. They made tuna fish and peanut butter sandwiches and hot chocolate which was served with the cake brought by Mrs. Rudy Koecke honoring her daughter, Sharon, on her birthday. The next meeting, will be January 28 at Mrs. Hammond's. Girls of the club include Lorraine Stark, president; Janice Lemley, vice-president; Sharon Koecke, secretary-treasurer; Derris Peters, reporter; and Lyle Gabrielson, Sandra Gabrielson, Melva Alberty and Joy von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust and Mrs. Rex Richards and daughter were business visitors in The Dalles Friday evening.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Verne Mobley and Mrs. John Beckman and son were business visitors in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hammond and family had Sunday dinner with Mrs. Marie Brady.

Mrs. Frank vonBorstel attended a past president party of the American Legion auxiliary in The Dalles Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Borstel have as their guest her aunt, Mrs. Eva Fretz, who arrived Friday from Fort Wayne, Ind., for an extended visit.

Mrs. Harold Eakin was hostess to the bridge club at her home Thursday, after dessert luncheon, cards were in play at two tables. Mrs. Anna Moore held high, Mrs. Alfred Kock second and also won the traveling prize and Mrs. Jack Adams won the consolation prize. Others present were Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Herman Peters and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Decker and Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay of Kent were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Eccles and Stephen and Karen, and Wendell Clodfelter were dinner guests Friday evening at the Frank von Borstel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tiller of Hermiston were over night guests Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger. Mrs. Oran Raven and children and Mrs. Rex Richards and children had dinner with them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel spent Saturday evening at the Frank von Borstel home.

Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and Helen, Mrs. Donald von Borstel, Mrs. William Brinkert, Mrs. John Alley and son and Mrs. Bob Helyer of Kent, were among the visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rodda and daughter spent the week end in Hermiston visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rodda called at the Len Garland home Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. George von Borstel and family.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds returned Thursday from Portland where they spent a few days visiting their daughter, Mrs. Warren Elliott and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Myrtle Smith home.

Kenneth Gooch of Carlisle, Iowa arrived Friday for an extended visit with his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don Earl.

Bridal Shower Held At Kent For Miss Kay McKay

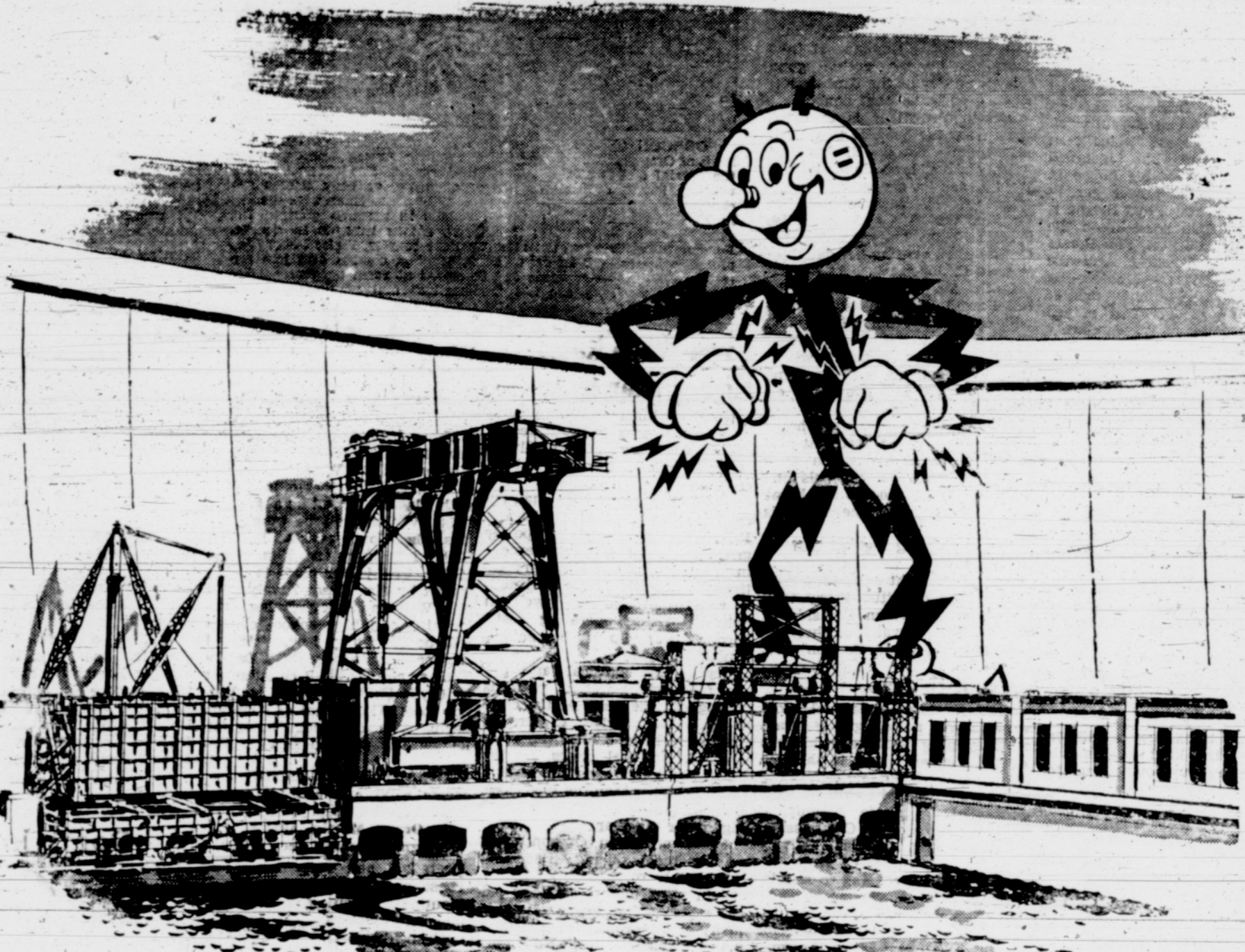
A bridal shower honoring Miss Kay McKay, bride elect of Larry Kyser of Astoria, Washington was held in the basement of the Kent Community Bible church Monday afternoon with 54 women present.

Hostesses were Mrs. Bob Helyer, Mrs. Bill Jorgensen, Mrs. Bob Tatum, Mrs. John Decker, Mrs. J. L. Norton and Mrs. David Gaumn.

The gift table was arranged against the wall which was decorated with yellow and white crepe paper streamers and tiny umbrellas with a bouquet of daffodils on the table. After visiting while the honor guest opened the many lovely gift wrapped packages, assisted by Gertrude Bucher, Bonnie Tatum, Linda Helyer and Peggy McKay.

The buffet table was centered with a bouquet of daffodils, from which cookies, i.e. cream, candy, nuts, coffee, tea and punch were served.

Out of town guests were Mrs. Ina Kyser and Mrs. Mark Kyser of Astoria, Mrs. Bertha Mathies, Mrs. Edna Schillier and Mrs. Wain Wilson of The Dalles. Mrs. Tony Miller of Moro, Jack Benson, Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mrs. Bernard Martin, Mrs. Bert Cox, Mrs. Marie Bardenhagen and Martha, Mrs. James Earl and Mrs. Don Earl from Grass Valley.



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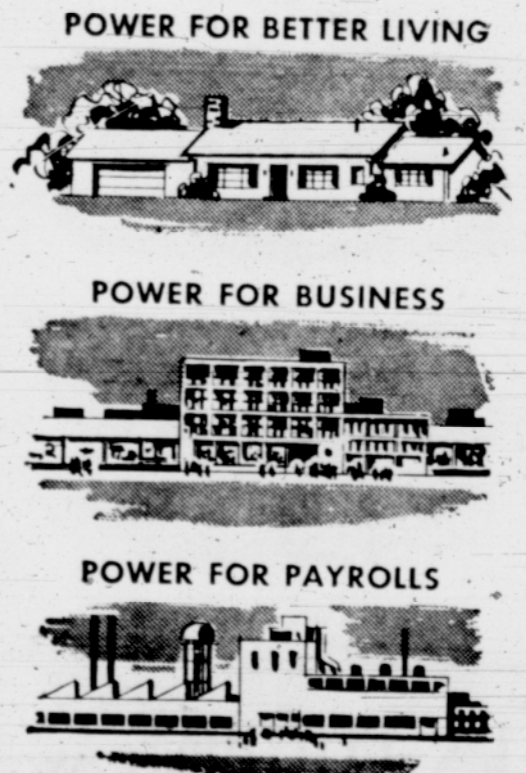
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PP&L's construction program hit an all-time high in 1957 with \$56,000,000 spent toward providing more and better electric service for 277,000 customers.

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